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# Winning Space Race with Data Science

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# Outline

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# Executive Summary

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- This report presents a detailed analysis of SpaceX's launch site locations and Falcon 9 landing predictions, leveraging geospatial insights, predictive modeling, and interactive dashboards.
- **Methodologies:**
- **Geospatial Analysis:**
  - **Goal:** Assess proximity of launch sites to railways, highways, coastlines, and cities.
  - **Tools:** Used Folium for mapping and distance calculation, revealing close proximities to key infrastructure.

# Executive Summary

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- **Predictive Modeling:**

- **Goal:** Predict Falcon 9 landing success.
- **Models Tested:** Logistic Regression, SVM, Decision Tree, K-Nearest Neighbors.
- **Best Model:** SVM with 84.8% cross-validation accuracy and 83.3% test accuracy, optimized using GridSearchCV.

- **Interactive Dashboard:**

- **Goal:** Visualize SpaceX launch data dynamically.
- **Features:** Created with Plotly Dash, including filters, pie charts, and scatter plots for exploring success rates and payload correlations.

# Executive Summary

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## Results:

- **Geospatial Analysis:** Confirmed strategic placement of launch sites near critical infrastructure.
- **Predictive Modeling:** SVM emerged as the most accurate model for landing success predictions.
- **Dashboard:** Provided effective visualization and interaction with launch data, enhancing analysis capabilities.
- This concise overview integrates key findings and methodologies, offering a snapshot of the analysis and its implications.

# Introduction

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- **Project Background and Context:** This project examines SpaceX launch sites and Falcon 9 landing predictions to optimize site selection and mission planning through spatial and predictive analysis.
- **Problems to Address:**
  - Assess the proximity of launch sites to railways, highways, coastlines, and cities.
  - Identify the best model for predicting Falcon 9 landing success.
  - Create a dashboard for visualizing launch success and payload impacts.
  - The goal is to leverage data for improved launch site utilization and landing accuracy.



Section 1

# Methodology

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## Executive Summary

- Data collection methodology:
  - Gathered data from SpaceX launch records and related sources.
- Perform data wrangling
  - Cleaned, wrangled, and transformed data for analysis and visualization. Performed exploratory data analysis (EDA) using visualization and SQL
- Perform interactive visual analytics using Folium and Plotly Dash
- Perform predictive analysis using classification models
  - Develop classification models, optimized hyperparameters, and assessed performance using accuracy metrics.



# Data Collection

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- **Source Identification**

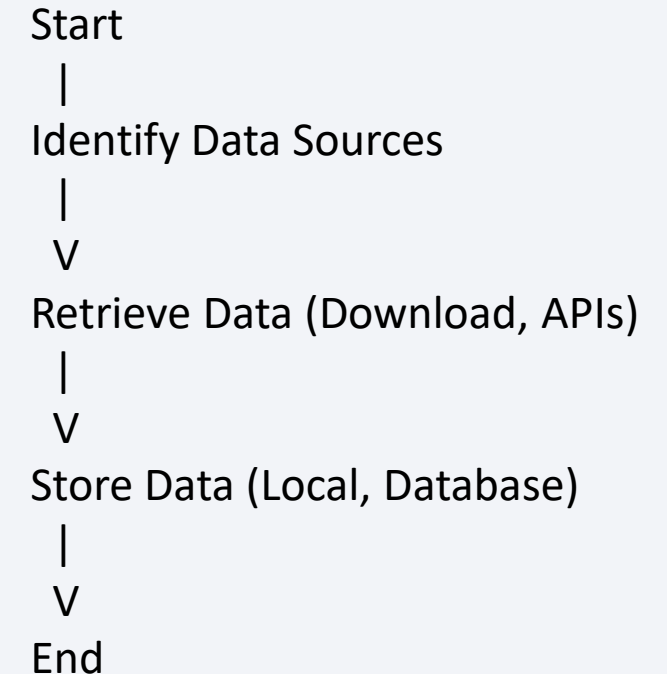
- **Data Sources:** Identified relevant datasets from online repositories and internal sources.

- **Data Acquisition**

- **Download:** Retrieved data files from specified URLs or databases.
- **APIs:** Used APIs for real-time data extraction when needed.

- **Data Storage**

- **Local Storage:** Saved datasets to local directories or cloud storage.
- **Database:** Imported data into relational databases for structured access.



# Data Collection – SpaceX API

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## 1.API Endpoint Identification

- Endpoints:** Selected SpaceX REST API endpoints for launch data.
- Documentation:** Referenced SpaceX API documentation for available endpoints.

## 2.REST API Calls

- GET Requests:** Used GET requests to retrieve launch records and rocket details.
- Authentication:** Managed any required API keys or tokens.

## 3.Data Retrieval

- Format:** Collected data in JSON format.
- Integration:** Integrated data into the analysis environment.

## 4.Data Storage

- Local Files:** Saved retrieved data to local CSV or JSON files.
- Database:** Optionally imported data into a relational database for further analysis.

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Identify API Endpoints

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Make REST API Calls (GET Requests)

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Retrieve Data (JSON Format)

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Store Data (Local Files, Database)

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# Data Collection - Scraping

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- **Identify Target Sites**

Selected relevant websites and pages.

- **Scraping Tools**

Used BeautifulSoup and Scrapy for data extraction.

- **Data Extraction**

Parsed HTML to extract needed data.

- **Store Data**

Saved data in CSV/JSON formats.

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Identify Sites

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Use Scraping Tools

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Fetch & Parse HTML

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Extract & Store Data

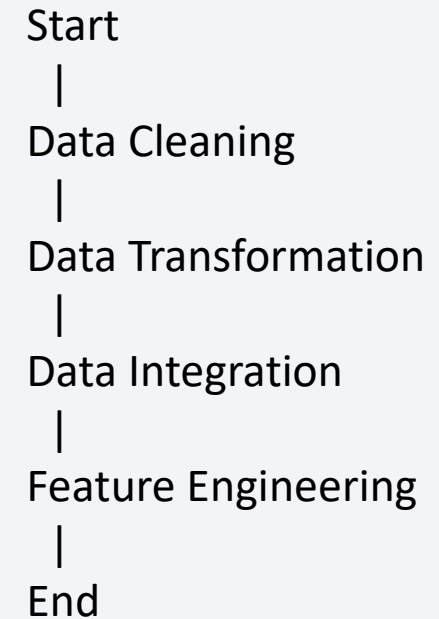
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# Data Wrangling

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- **Data Processing Steps**
- **Cleaned Data:** Addressed missing values and duplicates.
- **Transformed Data:** Standardized formats and normalized values.
- **Integrated Data:** Merged datasets and aligned schemas.
- **Engineered Features:** Created new features and encoded categorical variables.



# EDA with Data Visualization

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- **Charts and Their Purposes**
- **Pie Charts:** Visualized categorical success rates by launch site.
- **Scatter Plots:** Analyzed payload mass vs. launch success.
- **Histograms:** Examined distribution of payload masses and other variables



# EDA with SQL

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# Build an Interactive Map with Folium

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- **Map Objects Created and Their Purpose**
- **Markers:** Indicated proximity to cities, railways, and highways.
- **Polylines:** Visualized distances between launch sites and key locations.
- **Circles:** (if used) Represented proximity zones around launch sites.
- **Purpose**  
These objects provided insights into geographic relationships and proximities.

# Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

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- **Plots/Graphs Added**
- **Pie Chart:** Displayed success/failure rates by launch site.
- **Scatter Plot:** Showed correlation between payload mass and launch success.
- **Interactions**
- **Dropdown Menu:** Allowed selection of specific launch sites.
- **Range Slider:** Enabled filtering payload mass for detailed analysis.
- **Purpose**

These visualizations and interactions provided a comprehensive view of launch success and payload impacts.

# Predictive Analysis (Classification)

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- **Model Development Process**
- **Built Models:** Logistic Regression, SVM, Decision Tree, KNN.
- **Evaluation:** Used cross-validation and test accuracy.
- **Improvement:** Tuned hyperparameters using GridSearchCV.
- **Best Model:** SVM with kernel='sigmoid' and C=1 achieved highest accuracy.

# Results

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- **Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA) Results**
- **Key Findings:** Identified that launch sites are close to railways, highways, and coastlines, with varying distances from cities. Interactive charts showed success rates and payload correlations.
- **Interactive Analytics Demo**
- **Screenshots:** Demonstrated interactive maps with launch site proximities to cities, railways, highways, and coastlines, and dashboards illustrating launch success by site and payload vs. success correlations.
- **Predictive Analysis Results**
- **Model Performance:** Best model, SVM with kernel='sigmoid', achieved an accuracy of 83.33% on test data.



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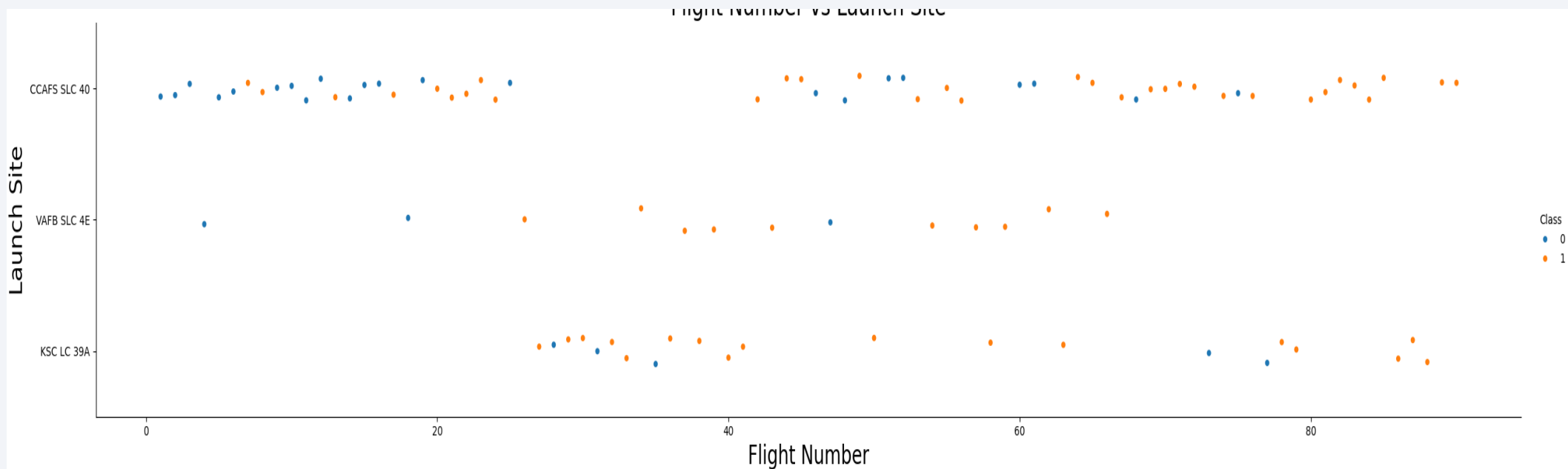
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# Insights drawn from EDA



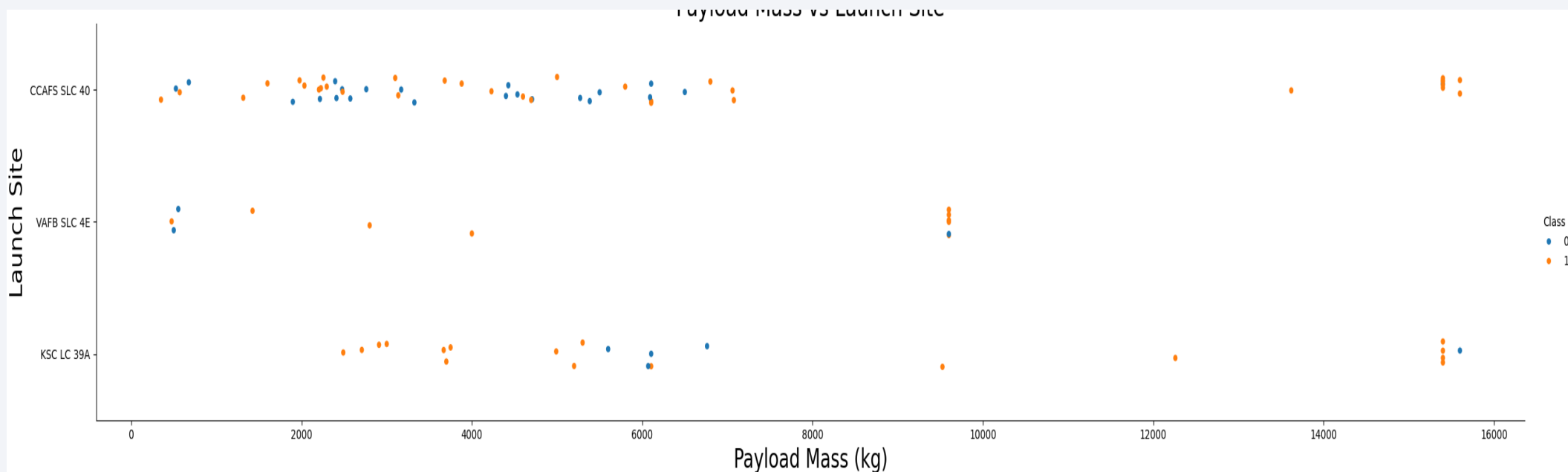
# Flight Number vs. Launch Site

- Scatter plot showing flight numbers against launch sites, indicating the number of launches per site.



# Payload vs. Launch Site

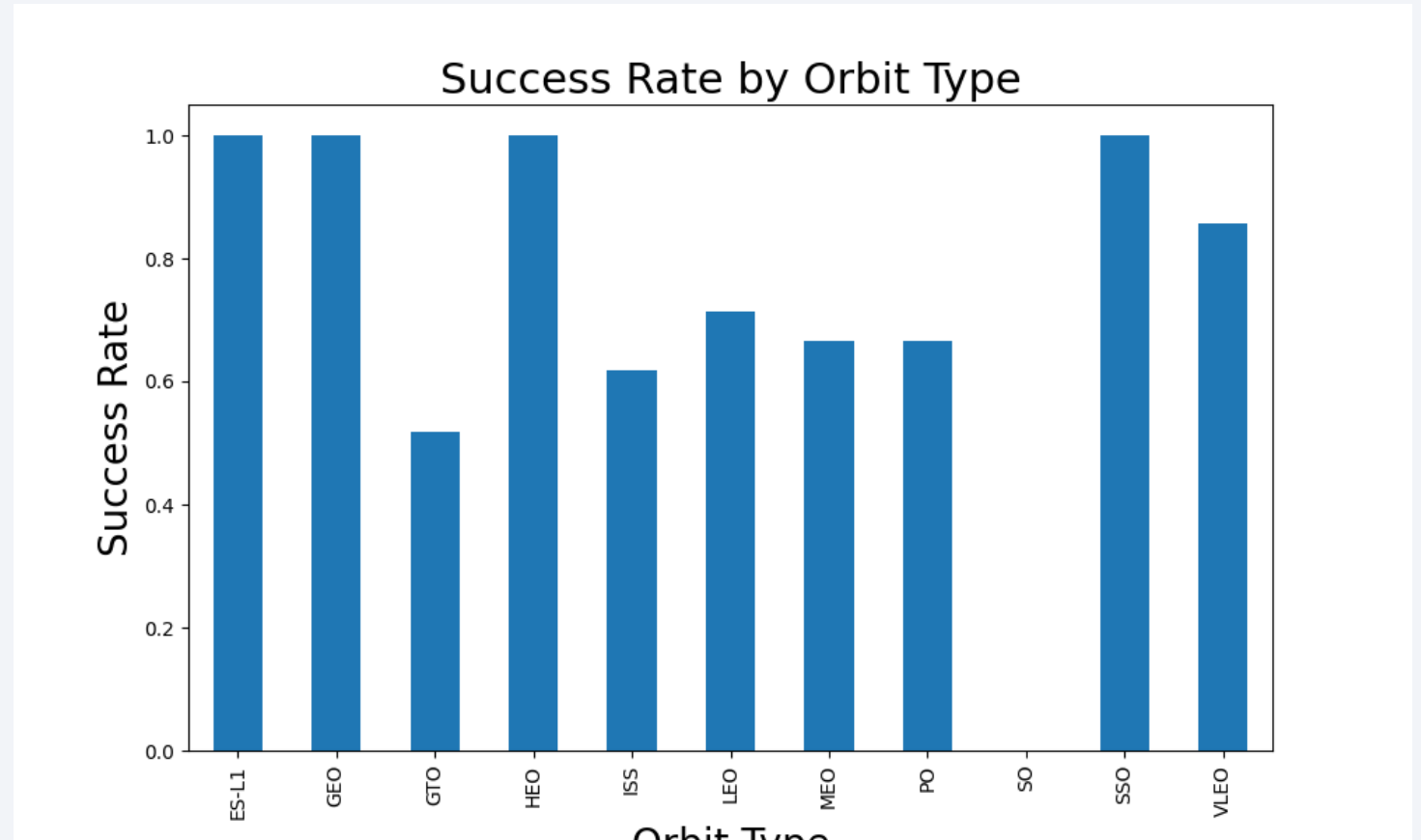
- Bar chart showing the correlation between payload and launch site, analyzing payload distribution.



# Success Rate vs. Orbit Type

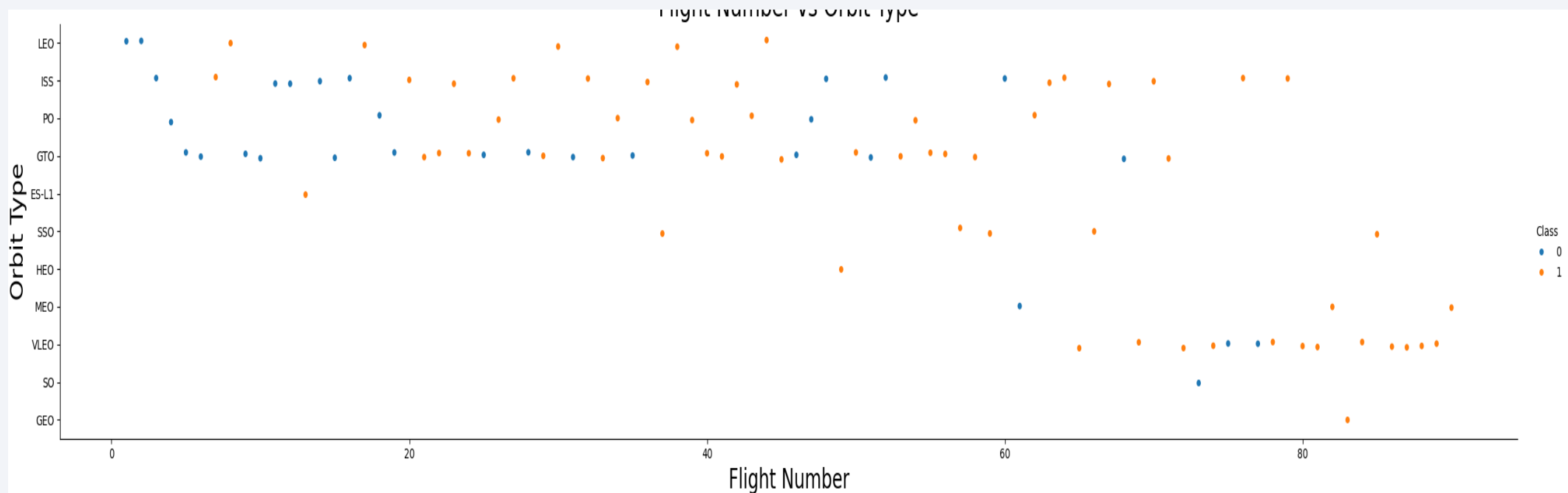
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- Bar chart representing success rates across different orbit types.



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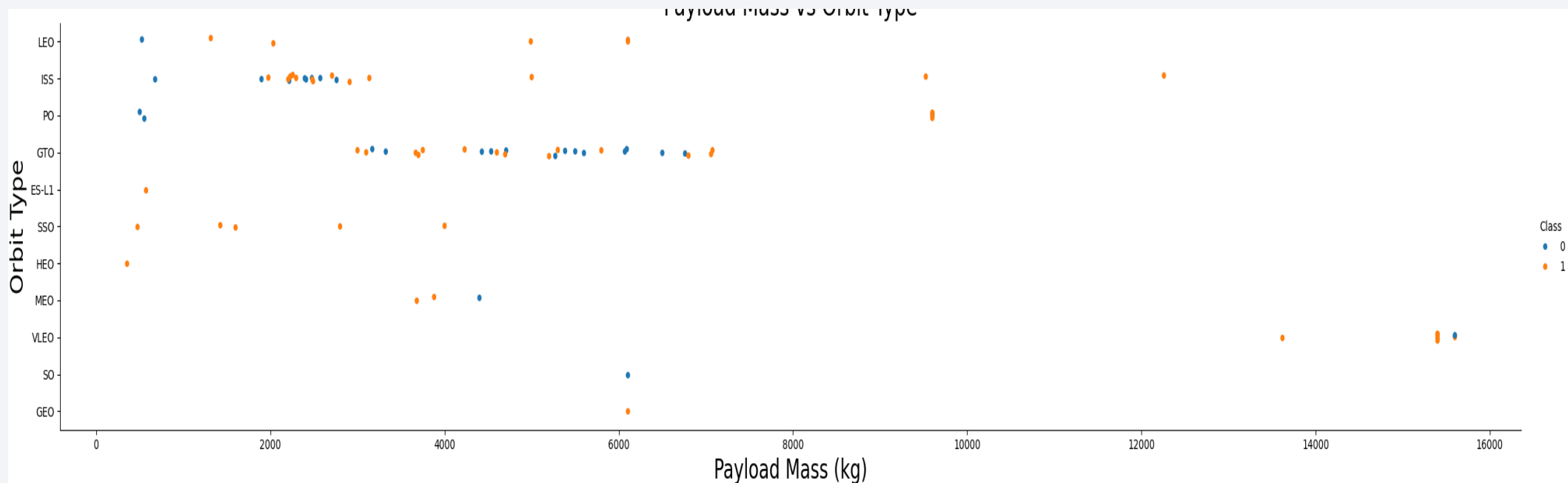
- Scatter plot of flight number versus orbit type to study launch patterns by orbit.





# Payload vs. Orbit Type

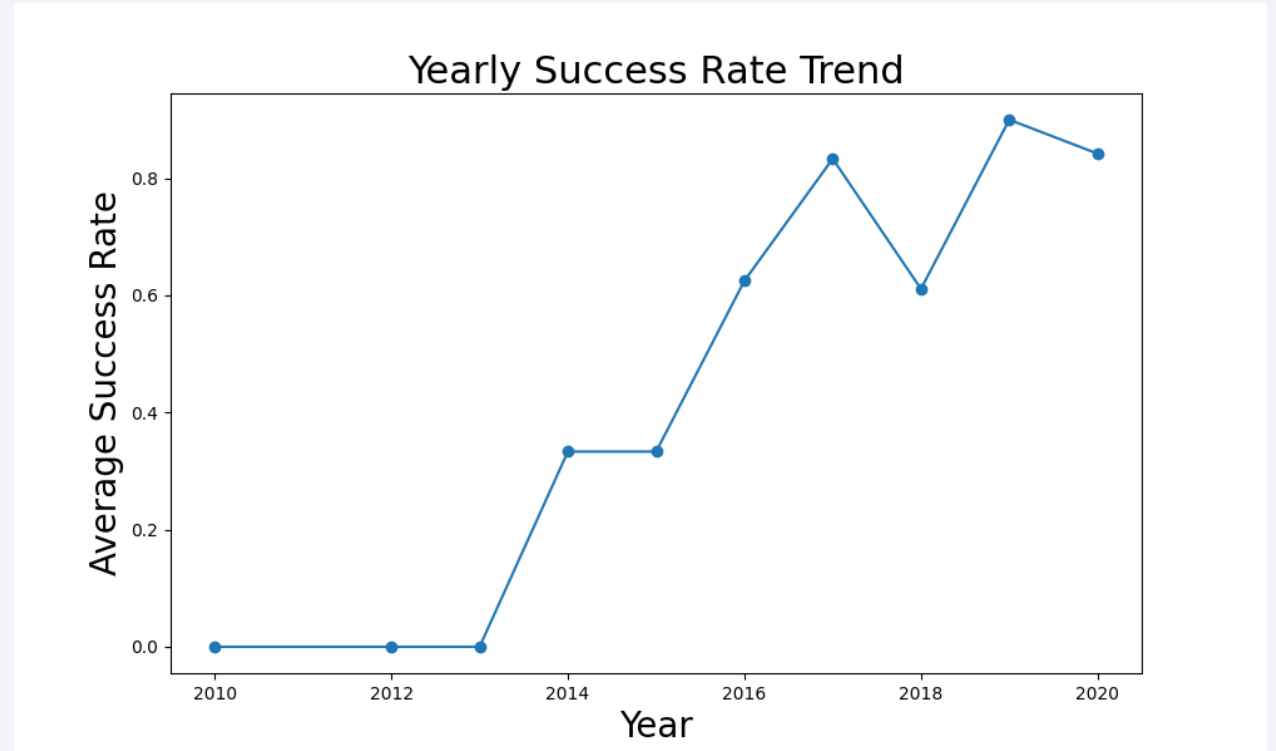
- Scatter plot showing payload against orbit type, helping visualize payload capacity trends.



# Launch Success Yearly Trend

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- Line chart showing the trend of yearly launch successes, highlighting SpaceX's success over time.



# All Launch Site Names

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- %%sqlSELECT DISTINCT "Launch\_Site"FROM SPACEXTABLE;
- SQL query to fetch all distinct launch site names, listing available launch sites.

Launch_Site
CCAFS LC-40
VAFB SLC-4E
KSC LC-39A
CCAFS SLC-40

# Launch Site Names Begin with 'CCA'

• %%sql|SELECT \*FROM SPACEXTABLEWHERE "Launch\_Site" LIKE 'CCA%'

Date	Time (UTC)	Booster_Version	Launch_Site	Payload	PAYLOAD_MASS_KG	Orbit	Customer	Mission_Outcome	Landing_Outcome
2010-06-04	18:45:00	F9 v1.0 B0003	CCAFS LC-40	Dragon Spacecraft Qualification Unit	0	LEO	SpaceX	Success	Failure (parachute)
2010-12-08	15:43:00	F9 v1.0 B0004	CCAFS LC-40	Dragon demo flight C1, two CubeSats, barrel of Brouere cheese	0	LEO (ISS)	NASA (COTS) NRO	Success	Failure (parachute)
2012-05-22	7:44:00	F9 v1.0 B0005	CCAFS LC-40	Dragon demo flight C2	525	LEO (ISS)	NASA (COTS)	Success	No attempt
2012-10-08	0:35:00	F9 v1.0 B0006	CCAFS LC-40	SpaceX CRS-1	500	LEO (ISS)	NASA (CRS)	Success	No attempt
2013-03-01	15:10:00	F9 v1.0 B0007	CCAFS LC-40	SpaceX CRS-2	677	LEO (ISS)	NASA (CRS)	Success	No attempt

# Total Payload Mass

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- `%%sqlSELECT SUM("PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_") AS  
Total_Payload_MassFROM SPACEXTABLEWHERE "Customer" = 'NASA  
(CRS)';`
- **Total\_Payload\_Mass = 45596**
- SQL query to calculate the total payload mass delivered by NASA missions.



# Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

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- `%%sqlSELECT AVG("PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_") AS Avg_Payload_MassFROM SPACEXTABLEWHERE "Booster_Version" = 'F9 v1.1';`
- **Avg\_Payload\_Mass = 2928.4**
- SQL query to calculate the average payload mass for F9 v1.1 missions.

# First Successful Ground Landing Date

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- `%%sqlSELECT MIN("Date") AS First_Successful_LandingFROM  
SPACEXTABLEWHERE "Landing_Outcome" = 'Success (ground pad)';`
- **First\_Successful\_Landing = 2015-12-22**
- SQL query identifying the date of the first successful ground landing.

## Successful Drone Ship Landing with Payload between 4000 and 6000

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- `%%sqlSELECT "Booster_Version"FROM SPACEXTABLEWHERE "Landing_Outcome" = 'Success (drone ship)'AND "PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_" > 4000AND "PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_" < 6000;`
- SQL query listing booster versions that successfully landed on a drone ship with payloads between 4000 and 6000 kg.

Booster_Version
F9 FT B1022
F9 FT B1026
F9 FT B1021.2
F9 FT B1031.2

# Total Number of Successful and Failure Mission Outcomes

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- `%%sqlSELECT  
"Landing_Outcome", COUNT(*)  
AS Total_CountFROM  
SPACEXTABLEGROUP BY  
"Landing_Outcome";`
- SQL query showing a breakdown of landing outcomes, detailing successful and failed missions.

Landing_Outcome	Total_Count
Controlled (ocean)	5
Failure	3
Failure (drone ship)	5
Failure (parachute)	2
No attempt	21
No attempt	1
Precluded (drone ship)	1
Success	38
Success (drone ship)	14
Success (ground pad)	9
Uncontrolled (ocean)	2

# Boosters Carried Maximum Payload

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- `%%sqlSELECT "Booster_Version"FROM SPACEXTABLEWHERE "PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_" = (SELECT MAX("PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_") FROM SPACEXTABLE);`
- SQL query listing boosters that carried the maximum payload.

Booster_Version
F9 B5 B1048.4
F9 B5 B1049.4
F9 B5 B1051.3
F9 B5 B1056.4
F9 B5 B1048.5
F9 B5 B1051.4
F9 B5 B1049.5
F9 B5 B1060.2
F9 B5 B1058.3
F9 B5 B1051.6
F9 B5 B1060.3
F9 B5 B1049.7

# 2015 Launch Records

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- %%sqlSELECT substr("Date", 6, 2) AS Month, "Booster\_Version", "Launch\_Site", "Landing\_Outcome"FROM SPACEXTABLEWHERE "Landing\_Outcome" = 'Failure (drone ship)'AND substr("Date", 0, 5) = '2015';
- SQL query showing launch outcomes of failed drone ship landings in 2015.

Month	Booster_Version	Launch_Site	Landing_Outcome
01	F9 v1.1 B1012	CCAFS LC-40	Failure (drone ship)
04	F9 v1.1 B1015	CCAFS LC-40	Failure (drone ship)

## Rank Landing Outcomes Between 2010-06-04 and 2017-03-20

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- `%%sqlSELECT "Landing_Outcome",  
COUNT(*) AS Outcome_CountFROM  
SPACEXTABLEWHERE "Date" BETWEEN  
'2010-06-04' AND '2017-03-20'GROUP BY  
"Landing_Outcome"ORDER BY  
Outcome_Count DESC;`
- SQL query ranking landing outcomes between 2010 and 2017 based on the number of occurrences.

Landing_Outcome	Outcome_Count
No attempt	10
Success (drone ship)	5
Failure (drone ship)	5
Success (ground pad)	3
Controlled (ocean)	3
Uncontrolled (ocean)	2
Failure (parachute)	2
Precluded (drone ship)	1



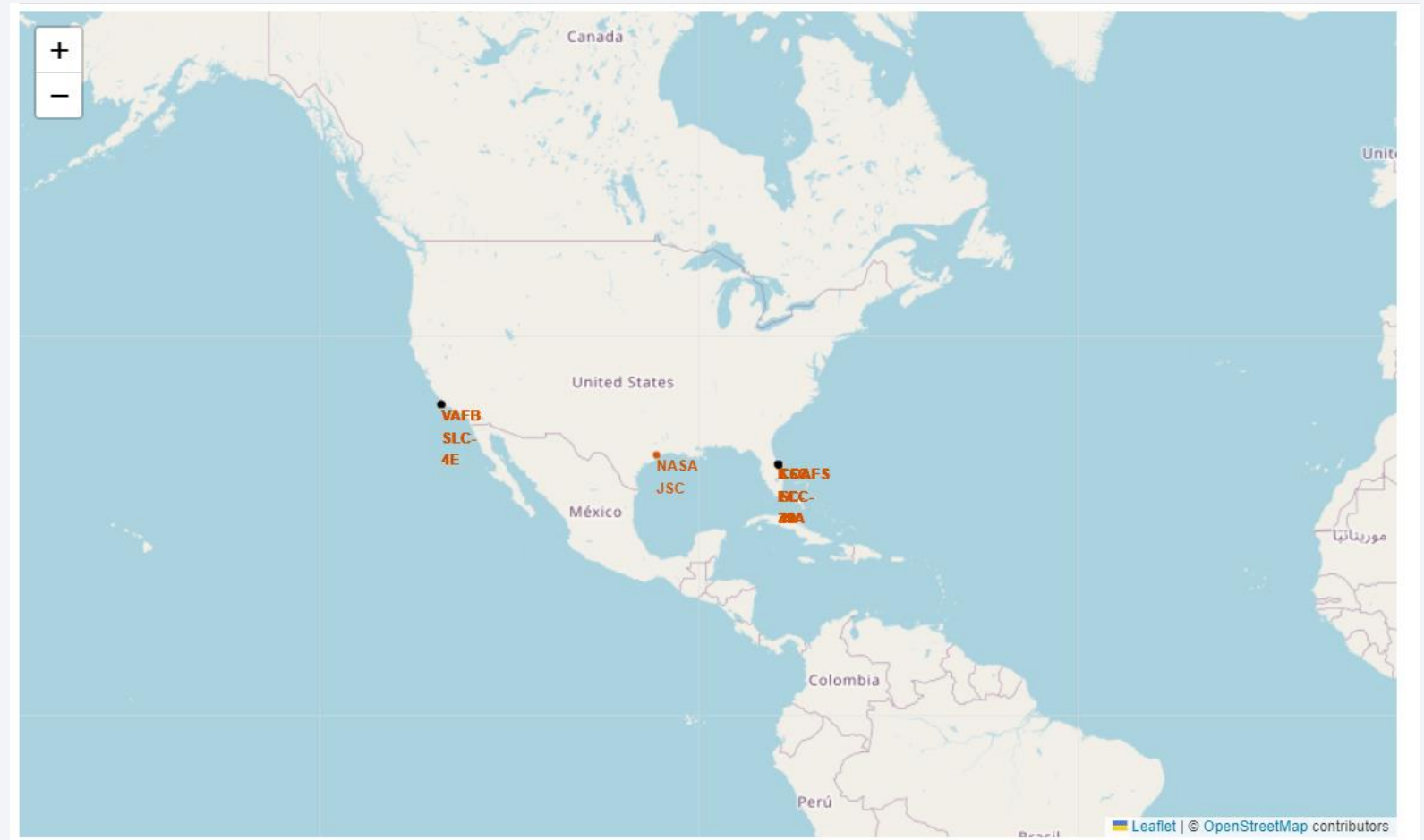
A satellite view of Earth from space, showing the curvature of the planet and the glowing lights of cities and continents against the dark background of space. The Earth's surface is predominantly blue, with white clouds and yellow/orange lights indicating urban areas.

Section 3

# Launch Sites Proximities Analysis

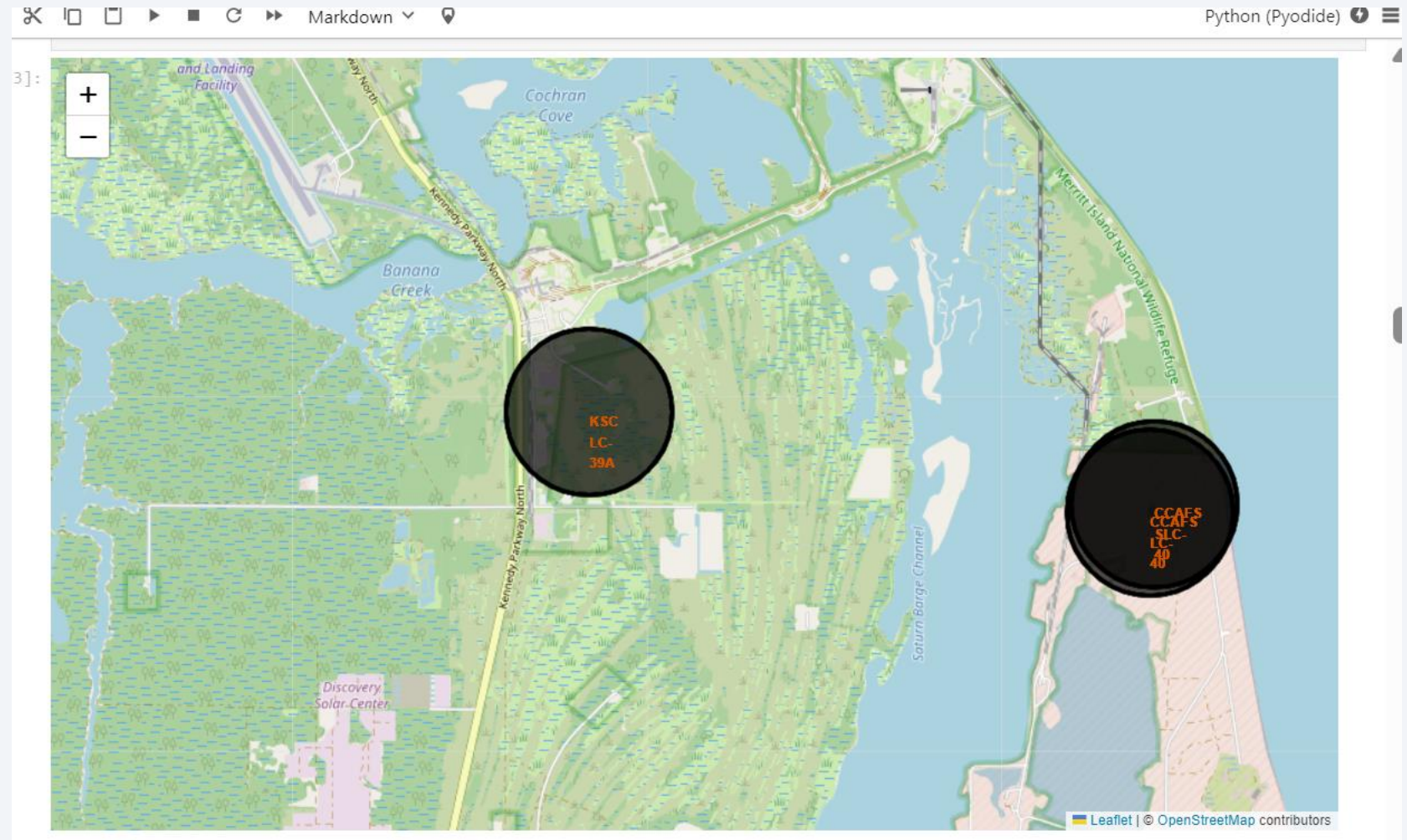
# <Folium Map Screenshot 1>

- Screenshot of a Folium map showing launch site locations and relevant markers.
- Proximity to equator is shown



## <Folium Map Screenshot 2>

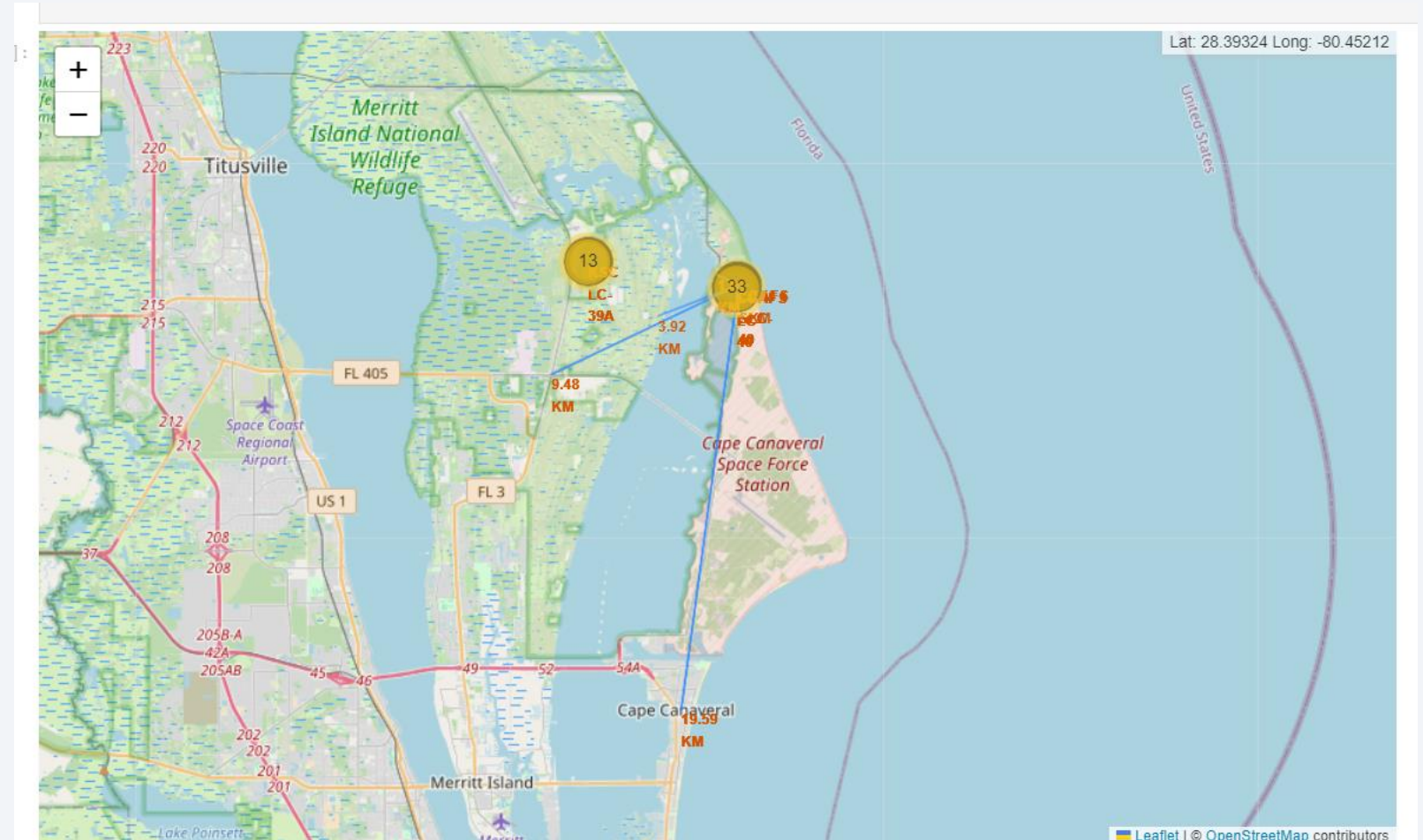
- Screenshot of a Folium map showing color-labeled launch outcomes.
- The cape caneveraval has highest launch activity





## <Folium Map Screenshot 3>

- Screenshot of a Folium map showing proximity of a selected launch site to infrastructure.
- Proximity to city , highway and railway is shown from CC



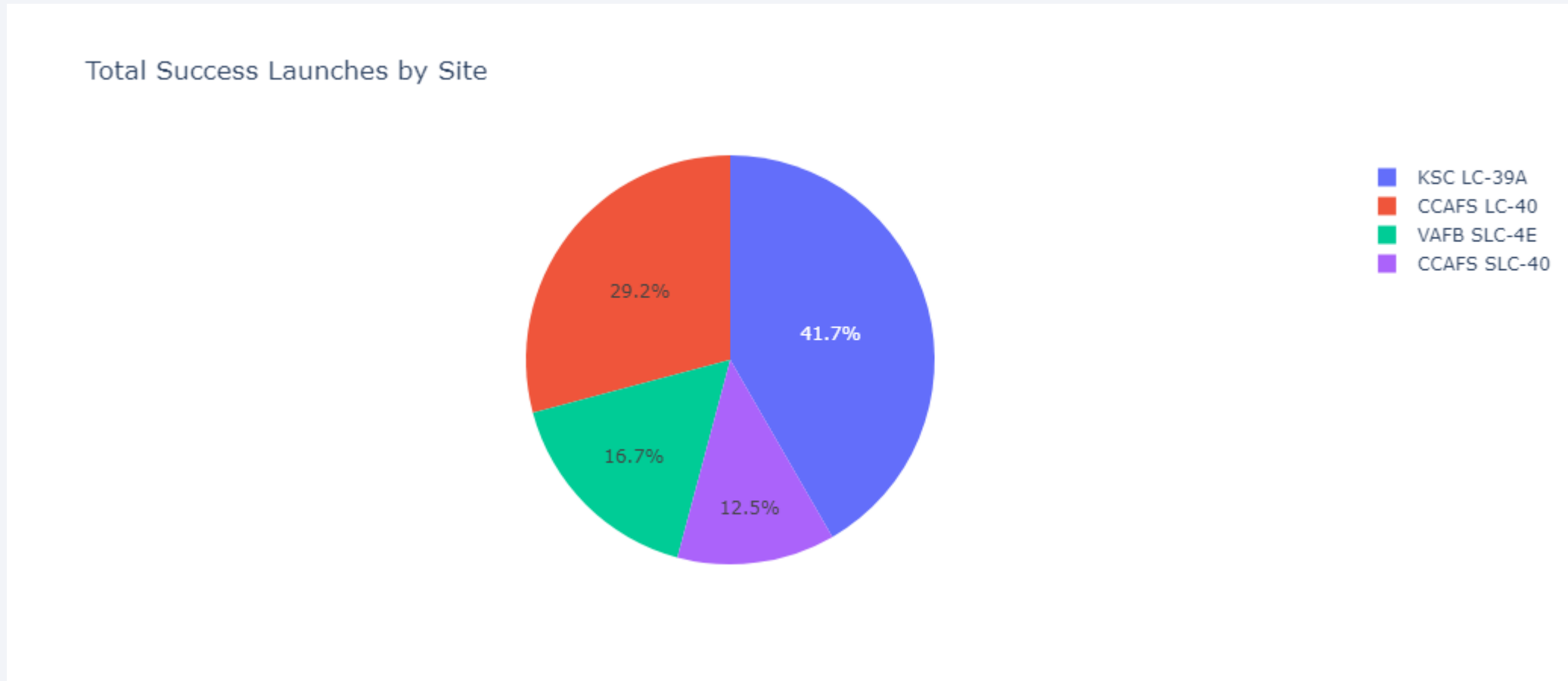


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# Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

# <Dashboard Screenshot 1>

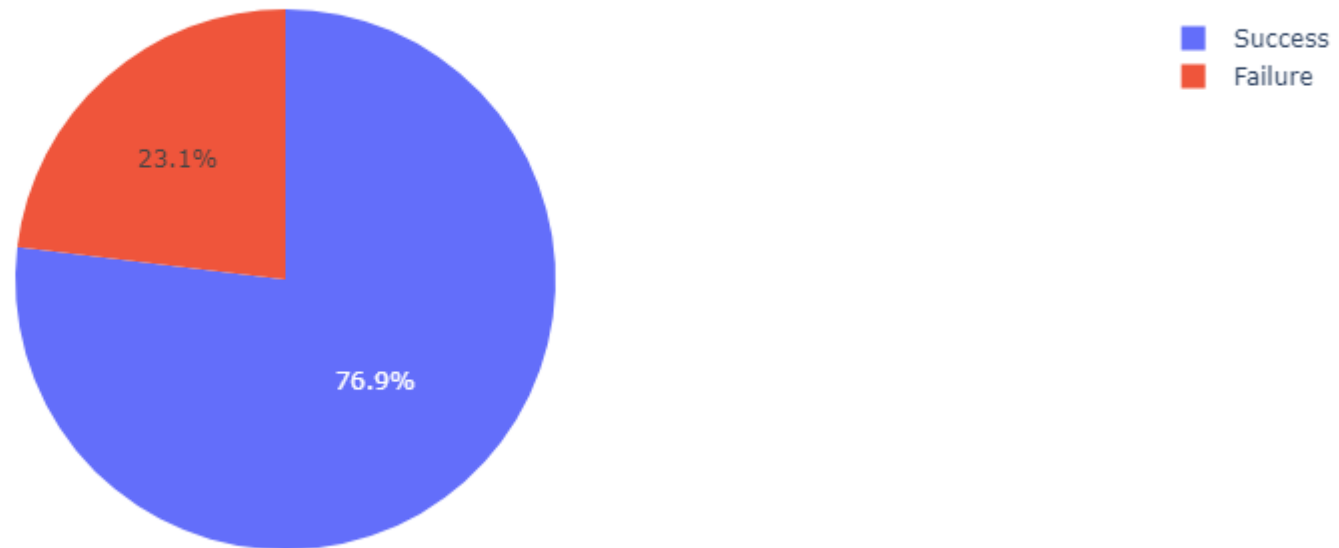
- Screenshot of a dashboard visualizing SpaceX launch success data interactively.



## <Dashboard Screenshot 2>

- Screenshot of a dashboard showcasing payload vs. success correlations.

Success vs Failure for site KSC LC-39A

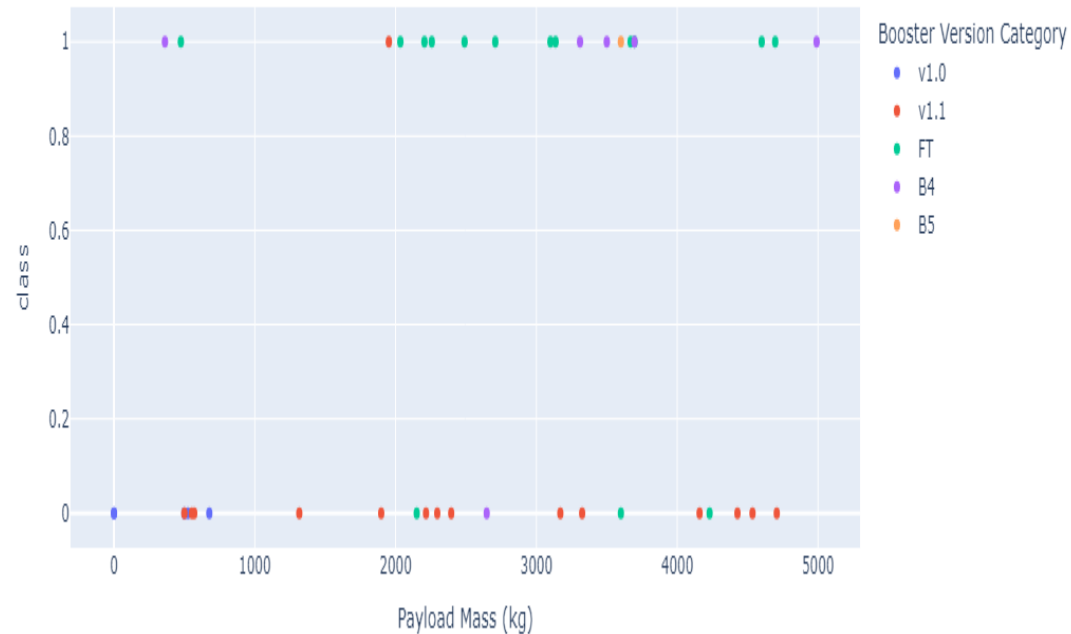




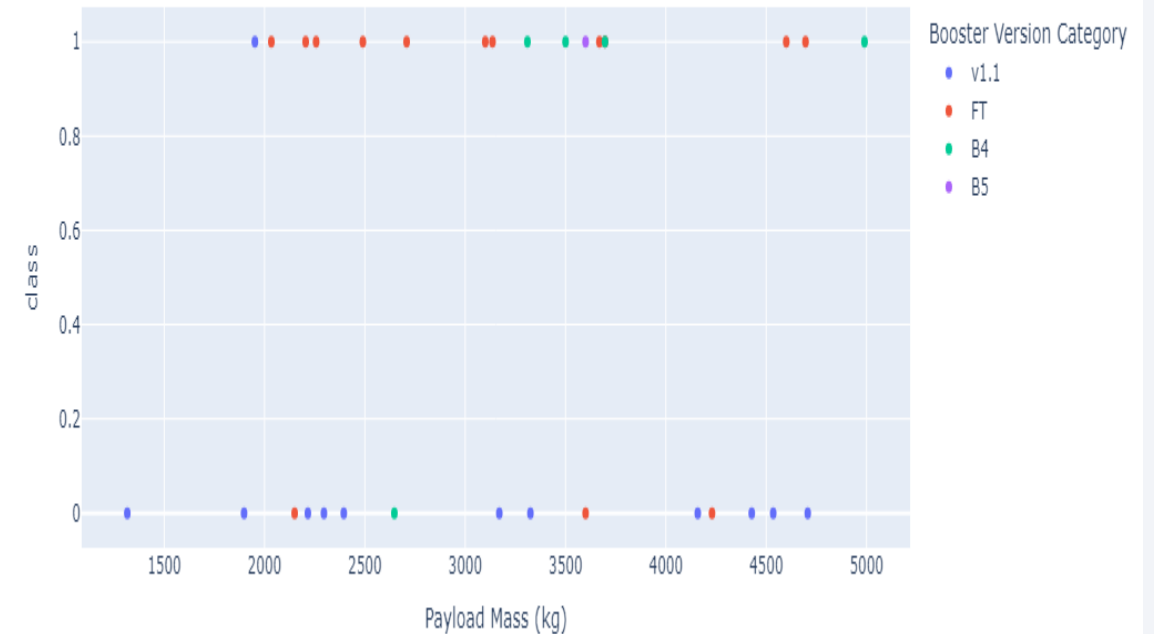
# <Dashboard Screenshot 3>

- Screenshot of a dashboard showing launch site success rates interactively.

Correlation between Payload and Success for All Sites



Correlation between Payload and Success for All Sites

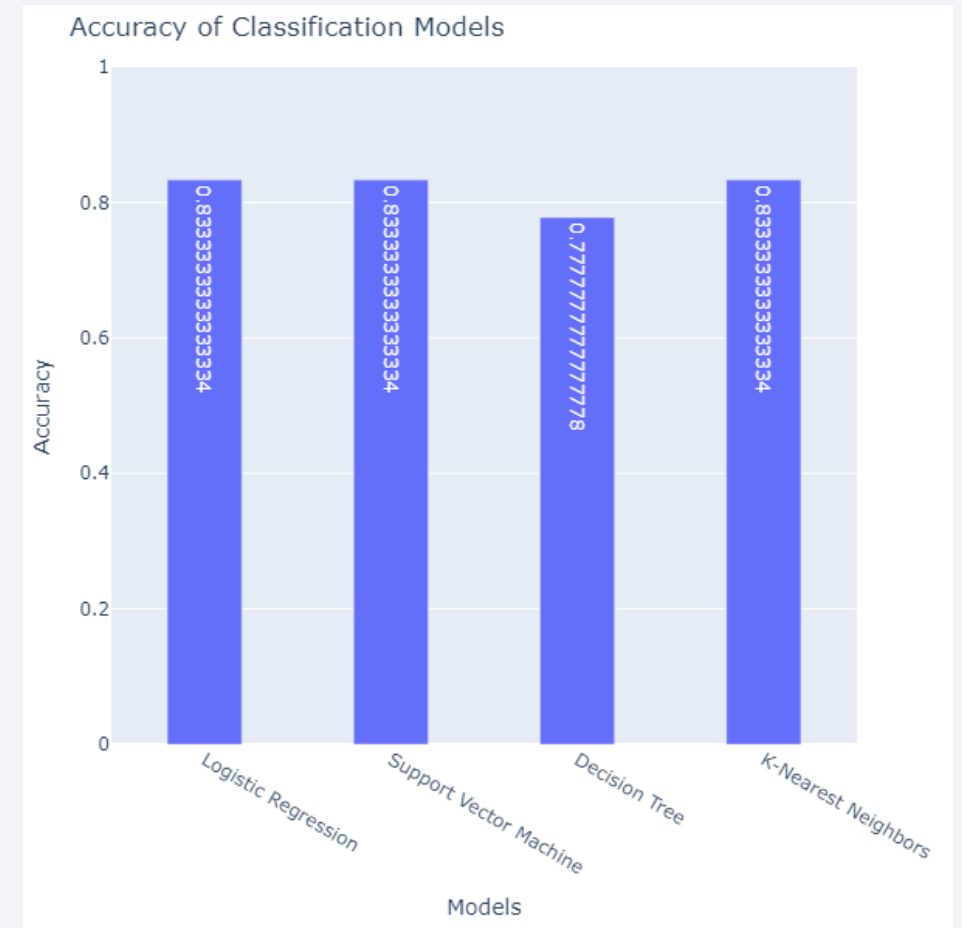


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# Predictive Analysis (Classification)

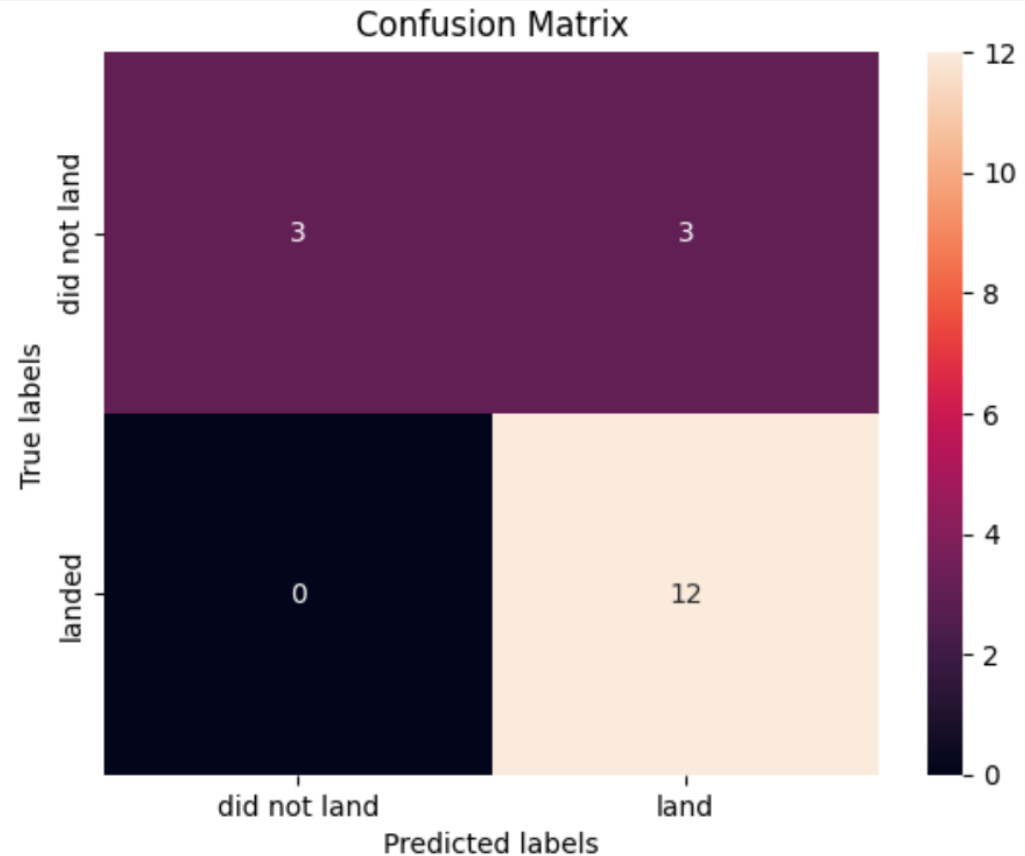
# Classification Accuracy

- Bar chart visualizing the accuracy of different classification models, showing SVM as the best performer.



# Confusion Matrix

- Confusion matrix displaying the performance of the SVM model, along with an explanation of its success in predicting outcomes.



# Conclusions

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- **Insights:** Launch sites are strategically located near infrastructure (railways, highways) and coastlines, balancing operational efficiency with safety. Visualizations and interactive tools enhanced understanding of spatial and success factors.
- **Predictive Modeling:** SVM proved to be the most effective classifier, optimizing accuracy for predicting Falcon 9 first stage landings.
- **Next Steps:** Leverage these insights for operational improvements and refine models with additional data for better predictions.

# Appendix

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- [Git links](#)
- [SDSuhas/spacex-notebooks \(github.com\)](#)



Thank you!

